

WINNEBAGO ROSC

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Virtual - Zoom

DATE: 6/11/24

ATTENDEES: Erick Williams (Host- EDDR Foundation), Katie Healy (EDDR Foundation), Richard Springs (EDDR Foundation ROSC), Carolyn Ferguson (EDDR Foundation), Miracle Cooper (EDDR Foundation), Danny Sourbis (DuPage ROSC Region 2), Ben Rudolph (Region 2 Technical Assistant Statewide ROSC), Johanna Gonzalez (IDHS SUPR), Scott Lewis (Winnebago County Housing Authority of Rockford), Stephanie Summers (Rockford Housing Authority), Pastor Flay, Amanda Mehl (Boone County Health), Adam Hartzel (Boone County Health), Anmol Brar (Boone County Health)

TIME: 10:00 am -11:00 am

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Introductions: Name, Organization, how to stay in touch.
- II. ROSC Overview: What is the ROSC and why it is important to the community? Mission: Building a collaborative community while recognizing multiple pathways to recovery. Vision: to be a resource to the community including persons in recovery, their families, and others.
- III. Winnebago County Housing Authority of Rockford: Offers a Family Self Sufficiency program. Each year they host a Strong Families event to engage families in health education and economic empowerment. There is a program where participants earn escrow through rent payments. Individuals may start without being employed but once they are employed their rent will change and they will learn how to budget their money. HUD started with participants in government housing in FSS program by earning escrow that is contributed from rent. Continuing to build program and have about 100 participants and plan to stay within that range of 90-125 participants. Event is at 210 N Kilbourne Ave event on Saturday 6/15.
- IV. Boone County Health: <https://www.bcbhtf.org/> Behavioral Health Taskforce since 2017 in Boone County and includes clinicians, navigators, Substance addiction counselors that work in the jail, and community law enforcement officers. Received CORS grant and will be getting more involved with community organizations and resources. By grant they are requiring to join ROSC activities so EDDR will be involved with activities that are required by grant.

- Partner with Continuums of Care (CoCs) to assist people with OUD/SUDs who are experiencing chronic homelessness, including ensuring that individuals served have access to the coordinated entry system for homeless services.
- Partner with other community providers to increase services for the priority population, including established Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Councils, recovery community organizations (RCOs), and Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) programs, if available.
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Boone County Health is for residents of Boone County struggling with housing, substance use, and mental health, helping people with court and filling out paperwork. They have a bilingual clinician which is needed in Boone County. They offer linkage case management, services in the jail with MAT and when released help get them set up with MAT providers.

V. Rockford Housing Authority: Work with connecting our residents and local community members who qualify as Section III workers (those who have earned less than 49,000/year the year prior) to employment within the construction/trades jobs. Our contractors are required to meet certain thresholds to contract with them by hiring Section III workers. They provide compliance services to outside entities who receive funding via HUD.

VI. Events: Live4Lali is sponsoring a Juneteenth event at Sinnissippi Park on June 19th. EDDR will have a table there and if anyone is interested in having a booth or table they can contact Erick.

VII. Trainings: Trainings are monthly and available on our YouTube channel with Dr. Sorrel.

VIII. Strategic Initiatives

Goal 1: Increase the involvement of family members and other natural supports in the Recovery process of loved ones

Goal 2: Decrease Stigma in the community

Goal 3: Housing

Goal 4: Employment

Goal 5: Transportation

Goal 6: Improve knowledge of recovery events in the community

Goal 7: Build Recovery programs alongside providers

Goal 8: Increase and Maintain ROSC Council

Goal 9: Establish Recovery Support Services for Winnebago County

IX. Additional Topics consisted of EDDR's Pre-Apprenticeship Program starting 6/17.

